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SUBJ: US VISIT OF ROMANIAN MOT DRAGANESCU

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1. SCHEDULE CONTAINED REFTEL B AGREES WITH GOR UNDERSTANDING
OF PROGRAM, HOWEVER, MINISTRY OFFICIALS PROPOSE FOLLOWING
MODIFICATIONS:

TUESDAY, MAY 1

MOT WISHES TO RESERVE EVENING FOR RECEPTION TO BE HOSTED BY
ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

IF IT CAN BE WORKED INTO PROGRAM CONVENIENTLY, MINISTER
REQUESTS DEPARTURE FROM CLEVELAND IN TIME FOR SHORT VISIT
TO NIAGRA FALLS, FOLLOWED BY FLIGHT TO ALBANY OR OTHER
APPROPRIATE POINT IN ORDER TO TRAVEL BY AUTO TO NEW YORK
CITY OVER PORTION OF NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY.

2. FIVE OFFICIALS ACCOMPANYING MIN DRAGANESCU ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. EMIL SPIREA, DIRECTOR, ORGANIZATION AND CONTROL
DIRECTORATE, MOT
B. GHEORGHE TURBUT, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
AND TECHNOLOGY DIRECTORATE, MOT

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C. VICTOR MATEVICI, DIRECTOR OF AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTATION, MOT
D. DUMITRU MUNTEANU, COMMANDANT OF CIVIL NAVIGATION, MOT
E. (NOT YET SELECTED) - SPECIALIST IN RAILROAD TRANSPORTA-
TION, MOT.

3. CONCERNING MRS. DRAGANESCU, HER MAIN INTERESTS ARE IN OPERA, BALLET, THEATER, AND ART. SHE PAINTS STAGE SCENERY FOR THE BUCHAREST OPERA, AND HAS A SPECIAL INTEREST IN THEATER STAGING. MOT OFFICIALS SUGGEST SHE MAY BE INTERESTED IN SEEING HOLLYWOOD MOVIE SETS DURING LOS ANGELES STOPOVER. GOR REQUESTS PROPOSED SCHEDULE FOR MRS. DRAGANESCU BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM BUCHAREST IF POSSIBLE (PARTICULARLY PROGRAM DURING LOS ANGELES VISIT WHEN MINISTER WILL BE SOUTHERN PACIFIC).

4. GOR OFFICIALS WISH TO SETTLE QUESTION OF INTERPRETER. FIRST PREFERENCE OF MOT IS FOR INTERPRETER PROVIDED BY ROMANIAN EMBASSY TO ACCOMPANY GROUP DURING US PORTION OF TRIP. ALTERNATIVE IS REQUEST BY MOT FOR INTERPRETER TO BE PROVIDED BY US HOSTS. IF NEITHER OF THESE ALTERNATIVES CAN BE WORKED OUT, MOT WILL PROPOSE ADDING ONE MAN TO GROUP FROM MINISTRY IN BUCHAREST. PLEASE ADVISE.

5. DURING DISCUSSION WITH DCM AT RECENT SOVIAL EVENT, MFA OFFICIAL MADE SPECIAL POINT OF EMPHASIZING DESIRE FOR DRAGANESCU TO CALL ON PRESIDENT, IF POSSIBLE, OR ON OTHER SENIOR USG OFFICIAL, NOTING THAT CEASESCU HAS BEEN VERY ACCOMMODATING IN MEETING WITH AMERICAN OFFICIAL VISITORS. OFFICIAL NOTED DRAGANESCU'S POSITIONS AS DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND FULL MEMBER OF PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN MAKING THIS PITCH. HE WAS GIVEN NO ENCOURAGEMENT CONCERNING POSSIBLE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT OR ANY OTHER COMMITMENT (REFTEL C) BUT WAS TOLD POINT HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE TO WASHINGTON, AND WOULD BE REPEATED, OF GOR DESIRE TO SEE HIGH LEVEL MEETING FOR DRAGANESCU. MOT OFFICIALS, MAKING SAME POINT TO EMBOFF FOR SECOND TIME, RECALLED THAT SEC DOT VOLPE DURING HIS VISIT HERE WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT CEASESCU.

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